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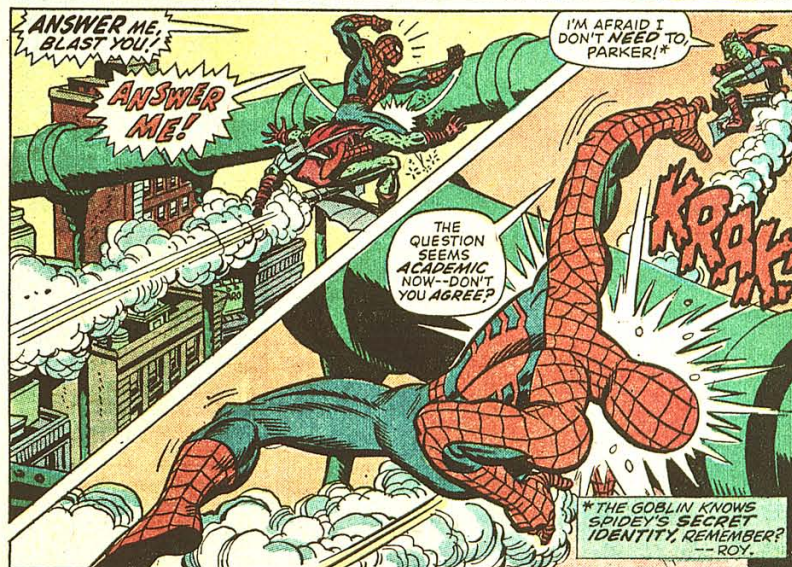
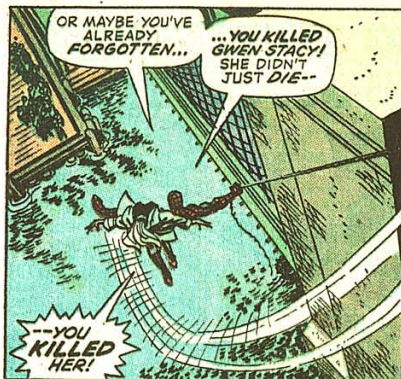


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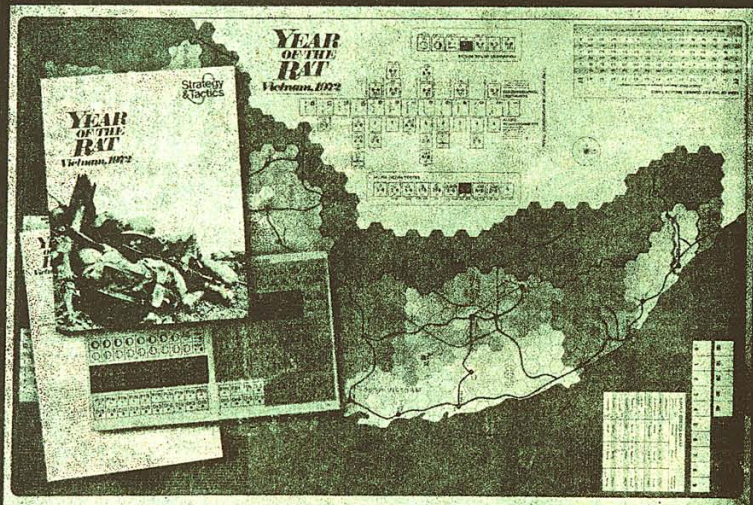
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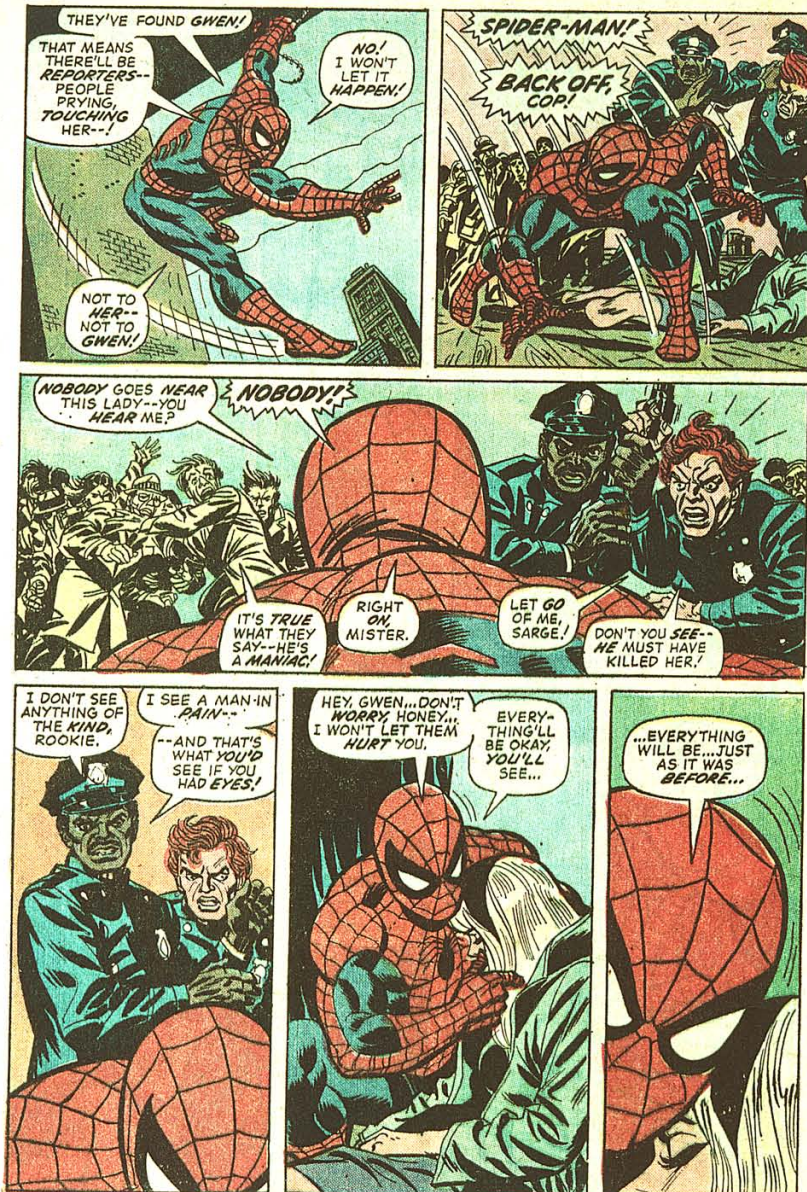
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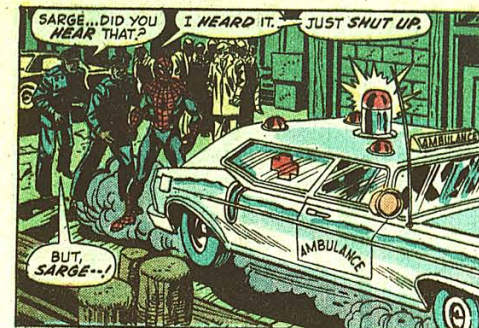
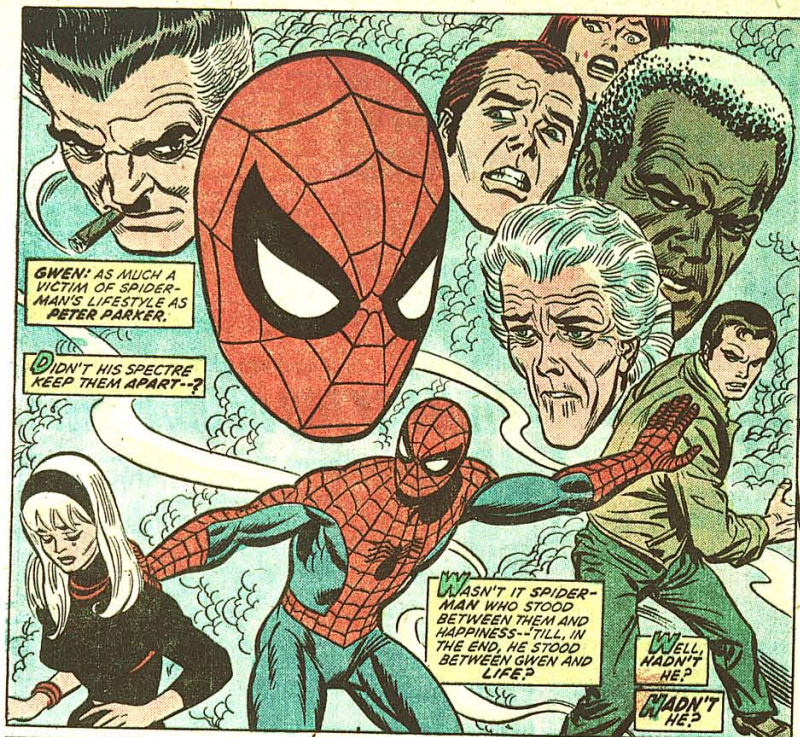
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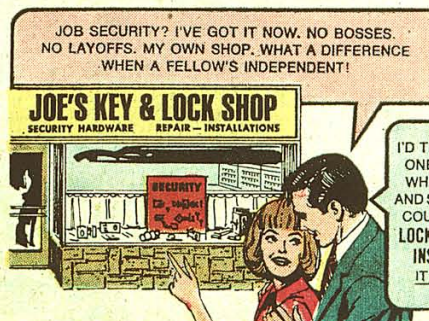
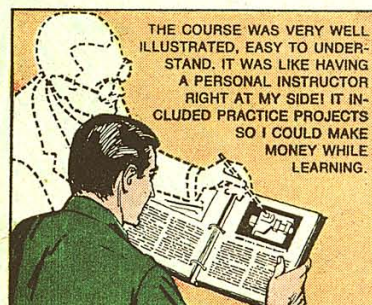
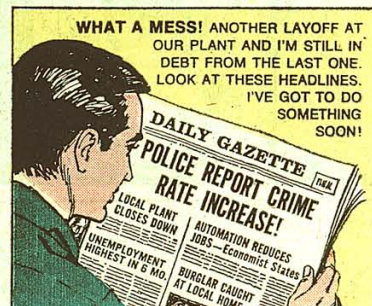
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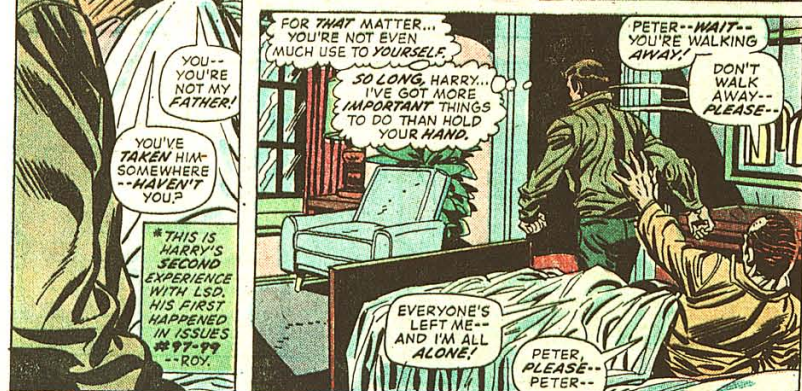
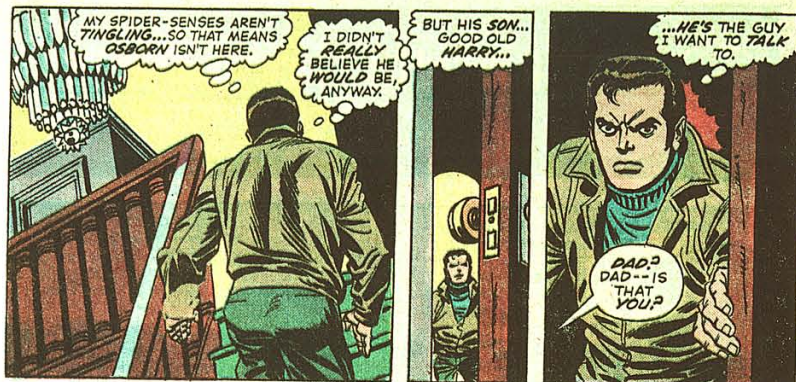
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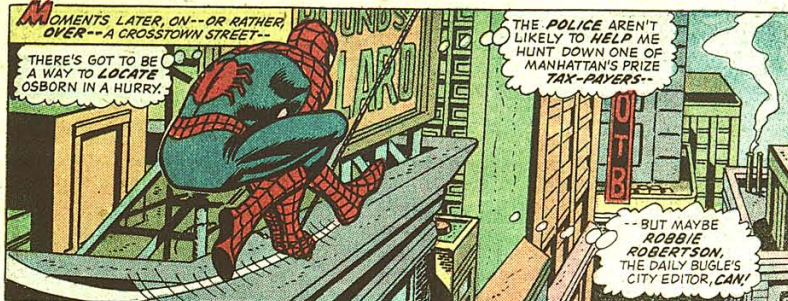
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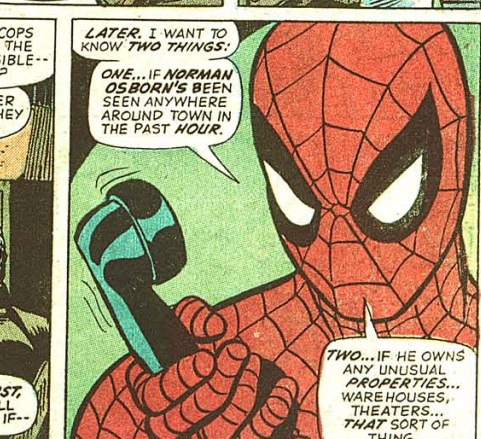
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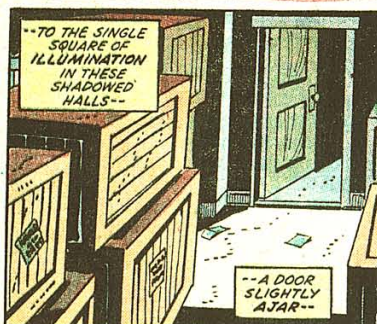
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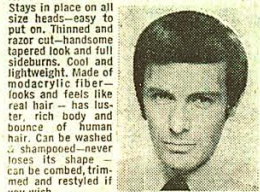
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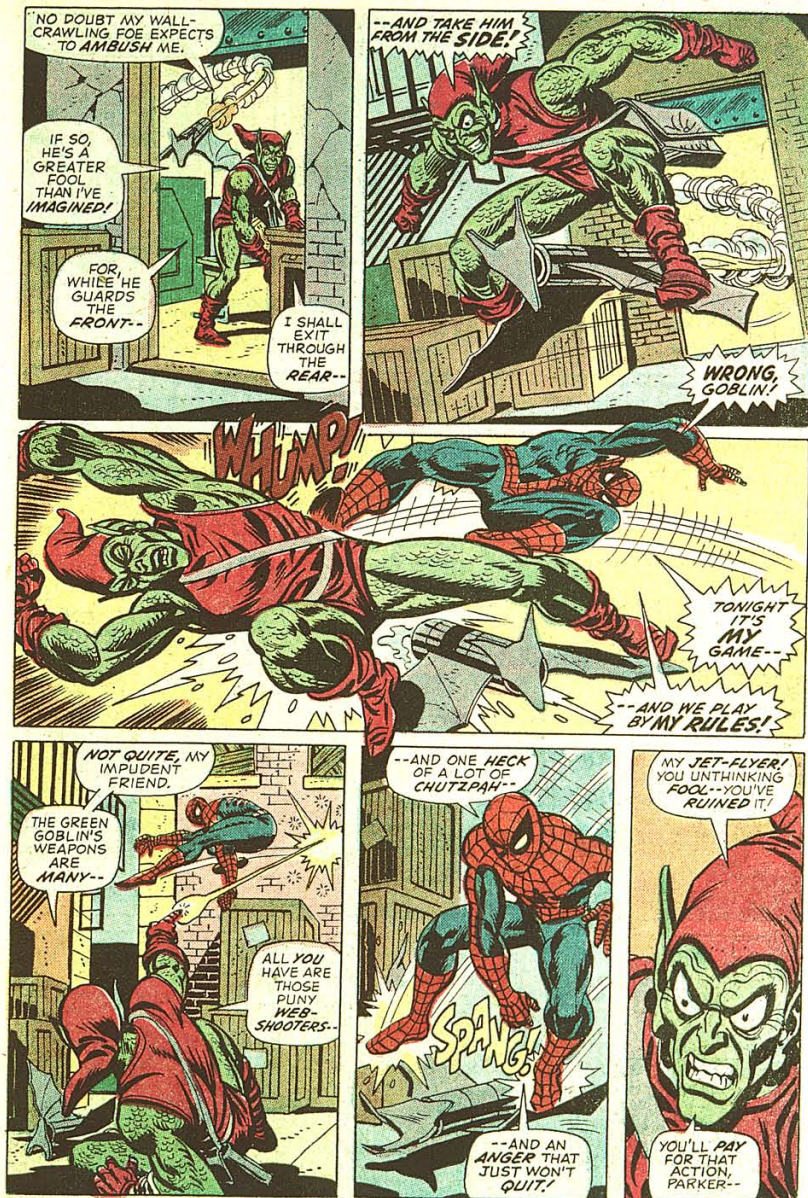
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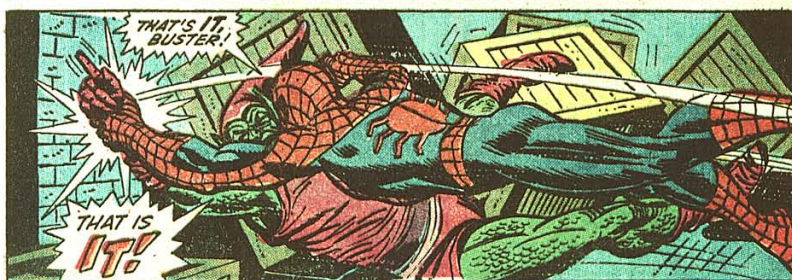
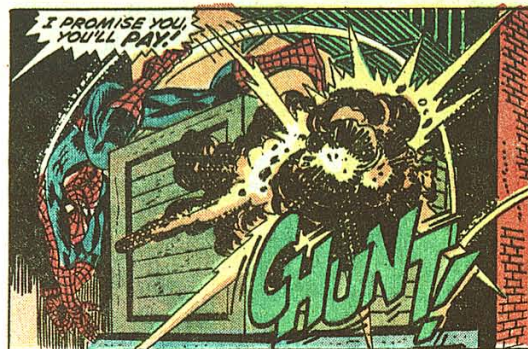
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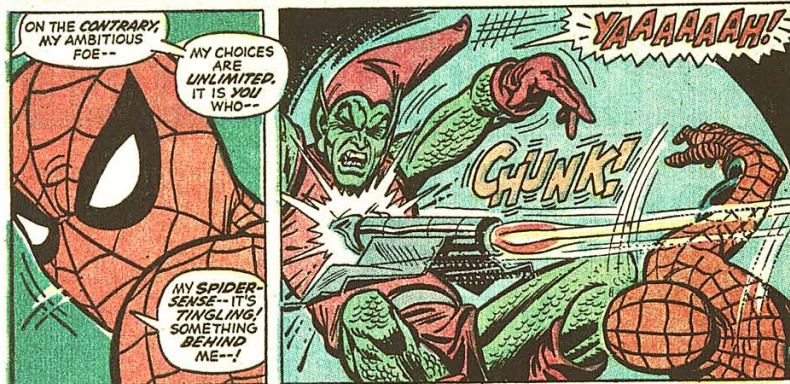


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hereby starting an ambitious new series of ads for our various new projects, special issues, or just plain extra-good issues of long-established mags! We're spacing the ads out, so you won't find each one in each and every title—but if you pick up a sizable handful of our masterworks each month, you can be certain you'll be kept abreast of just what mixed-up Marvel is up to! (At least, you'll know as much as we do—which isn't saying much!)

ITEM! By the time you read these perishable words, doubtless our offices at 575 Madison Avenue will be inundated with requests that we bring back our Mighty Marvel Checklist. Well, rest content, long-suffering one—for, already jaunty **JIM STERANKO** is hard at work on the first fabulous issue of **FOOM MAGAZINE**, which you get when you join our nifty new fan-club—and it'll tell you just about everything you ever wanted to know about our upcoming mags, but were too choked-up to ask—plus a barrage of behind-the-scenes Bullpen info! Meanwhile, we'll keep using those juicy little squibs at the bottoms of our pages to clue you in on our latest issues—Got all that? Okay, now type it out in approved outline form and ship it right off to us, will ya? 'Cause right about now,

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It's difficult, isn't it, to think of a world without gorgeous **Gwendolyn Stacy** in it? Harder still, perhaps, to know, to make oneself comprehend, that the long-standing feud between **Spider-Man** and the Green Goblin is ended forevermore—and that its bloody finale has cost Peter Parker the woman he loved, his closest friendship, and the stability he fought so long to bring to his life. Not to mention his... innocence?

But that is indeed the state of the **Spider-Man**. And, as a result of these cataclysmic events in the Web-Spinner's existence, most of our **SPIDER-MAN** fan mail has been summarily rendered... irrelevant. So this month, as last month, we're devoting this page to more general queries about **Spidey**, his foes, his friends, his magazine—while we await the raging torrent of mail that's sure to reach us on this issue and last.

We'll close this note with one word: **WRITE!**

'Nuff said!

Dear Stan, Roy, Gerry, John, Jim, Tony, Sam, Duffy, Stan G.
Whatever happened to the Kangaroo? He appeared in **Spider-Man #81**, but never returned and never appeared in any other mag. Also we never really knew the extent of his powers. When is he returning? Is he returning as **Spider-Man's** foe? When is **Electro**, the **Vulture**, **Mysterio**, **Sand**, **Man**, **Kraven**, the **Chameleon**, the **Sinister Shock**, **er**, the **Gibbon**, and the **Prowler** returning to menace your friendly neighborhood **Spider-Man**? But bring back the **Kangaroo** first!

Henry Cooper, 290 Jefferson Ave.
Cresskill, N.J. 07626
Well... maybe not first, **Henry**. But chances are our bouncin' badde from down under will be popping back into **Spider-Man's** life one of these days. And who knows—if **Gerry** has a fit of sheer madness (**Marvel** variety, natch), you may even see him teamed up with **Daredevil's** old foe, the **Leap Frog!** All of which, for some odd reason,

calls to mind an old TV cartoon character called **Gerald MacBoing-Boing**. Don't ask us why.

As for the other purveyors of villainy you mentioned:
The **Sandman** is currently hanging out with the three other members of the **Frightful Four**, who mostly get their jollies by beating up on a certain other **Marvel** loutsome. **Electro** appeared not too long ago in the pulsating pages of **DAREDEVIL**, **Shocky**, **Fast-Face**, and the rest—peel this eye! They shall return—when you and **Spidey** least expect it!

Dear Stan, Roy, Gerry, John, Jim, Tony, Sam, Duffy, Stan G.

PHEW! It takes a lot of people to turn out a masterpiece, doesn't it? That's all I'll say about **Spider-Man #118**.

The rest of this letter will concern itself with **Bill Creighton's** letter.

He's right, y'know. The sub-plots are what made and kept **Spidey** and **Pete** (who we don't see enuf of anymore) so great thru the years. I know it's hard to fit a) a major storyline, b) some sub-plots, and c) co-characters all into 20 pages, but you USED to do it, so why not now? I'd like to see more of **Pete**, **Gwen**, **Harry**, **Aunt May**, **Mary Jane**, **Mrs. Watson** (where's she?), **J.J.J.**, **Betty Brant**, **Flash**, and **Ned Leeds**, and **Joe Robertson**. Also, how 'bout the **Rhino**, **Kingpin**, **Lizard**, **Vulture**, and **Green Goblin**? But, back to the point! Sub-plots, man! That's what it's all about. And get John a decent ink! His work's too sketchy!

Rick Keefe, R.D. #1
York Haven, Pa. 17370
Instead of getting John a different ink, we got him a different pencil—**Gil Kane**, of course—and **Gobby's** dead, and while you may see more

of most of the characters you mentioned, there'll be no more **Gwen**. Ah, well...

But about those sub-plots: this is still a pressing question, and, frankly, **Gerry**, **Gil**, and **John** agree with you almost totally on the matter. You can expect to see a greater emphasis on **Peter Parker's** life in issues upcoming. And it'll be all the more compelling now that **Pete** will be going through so many changes. The **titanic** trio have some very unusual developments in mind, some things you've always wanted to see happen... and, best of all, some things you never dreamed could happen. We're counting on you to keep watching!

Dear Bullpen,

Foomer #00001 signing in! Alright, you can't fool me any longer. It's obvious that **MMMS** is coming back as **FOOM**. It's about time, fool. You practically spelled it out in **SPIDERMAN #116**. But I still don't know what **FOOM** is, tho I have got some pretty good ideas.

When I first heard mention of it, I figured it stood for something like, **Freak Out** from **Marvel**. Since then I've come up with some better ones, such as: **Frankie** Organization Of **Marvelites**, **Fabled Order** Of **Marvel**, or my favorite the **Federation** Of **Omnipotent** **Marvelites**.

But what ever it turns out to be I am sure it will be great and have lots of surprises in store for us! **KEEP ON FOOMIN'!**

Tom Rader, 787 Welburn Ave.
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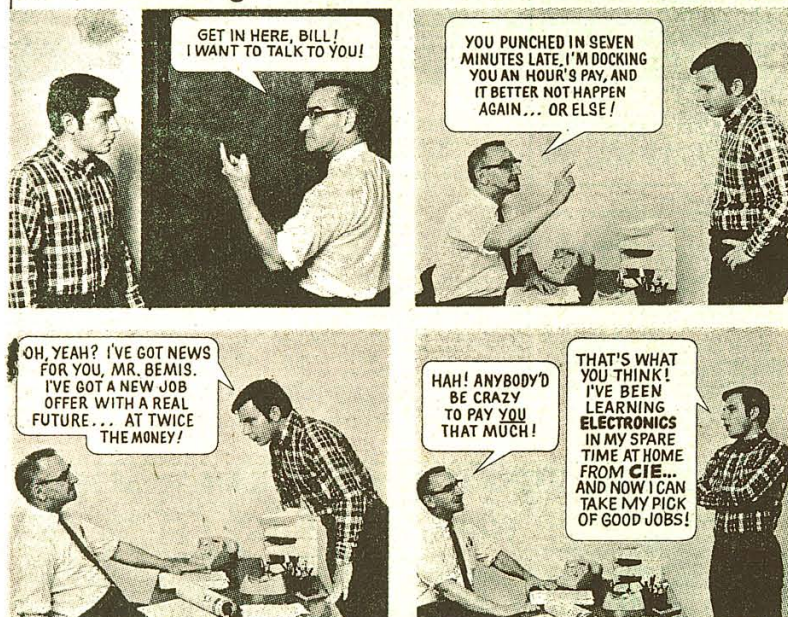
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